

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Elk and Deer Study Committee



MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call

Monday December 8, 2014

6:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS	12/08/2014	6:30 PM	Telephone Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Al Phelan at 6:30 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Al Gerber, Jay Koenig, Roger Sabota, Mike Riggie, Arold Ninneman, Tony Janecek, Mark Noll, William Yingst, Larry Gohlke, Douglas Seidl, Terri Roehrig, Larry Bonde, David Pagel, Larrie Hazen, Joe Caputo, Anthony Grabski, Al Phelan, Martin Hass, David Poff Kevin Wallenfang - WDNR, Dave Zebro - WDNR, Kevin Mickelberg - WDNR
EXCUSED	Alan Horvath, Allen Jacobson, Wright Allen,
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Scott Loomans – DNR, Rob Bohmann – WCC Chair, Bret Moravitz public from Barron County

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Agenda approved with motion by Larrie Hazen & second by Doug Seidl passed

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	No change since last committee meeting

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Bret Moravitz, Barron County, commented he felt antlerless tags should be increased from \$12 to \$24 or \$30 noting a neighbor shot 14 deer in his area.
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 2015 ANTLERLESS PERMIT OPTIONS FOR FARMLAND UNITS

DISCUSSION	1. Scott Loomans presented info per request by Kevin Wallenfang <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free antlerless tags in 2014 were valid in any farmland unit - 2015 free antlerless tags can be unit specific. - Free tags can be in a specific zone or specific unit - Mark Noll said it was not good that public land tags can go anywhere in zone, need protection - Al Gerber noted need unit specific credibility - Jay Koenig noted to have CDAC work tags must be unit specific - Al P noted there is a problem giving a free tag that cannot be used - Rob Bohmann thought no free tags should be given & all tags for public & private lands should cost \$12 - Kevin W. noted that the county can say no free tags or one tag or two tags - Kevin W. noted people were not willing to pay for tags in 2014 however Rob B. did not agree - Scott L. thought it was best to make tags unit specific rather than zone wide - Mark N. said paying \$12 to shoot a doe hurt us in Buffalo County. He thought farmers would apply for shooting permits & noted careful use of free tags is important - David Pagel confirmed there will be a 100% statewide deer pellet check in 2015 	
	ACTION Motion made by Larry Bonde with second by Jay Koenig requesting the DNR Department make 2015 tags public & specific land specific in counties. Motion passed with one opposition.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rob Bohmann asked the committee to think about how to address free antlerless tags to youth that are good statewide & to eliminate group bagging which was not the intent of the youth tags. - David Pagel noted we should bring back buck archery tag that can be fill with either sex as in the past - Larrie Hazen noted shinning is out of control (It was suggested to do what Buffalo County did to address) - Mike Riggle noted a concern with youth tags (Al Phelan recommended to make a spring meeting topic) - Tony Janecek noted the CDAC deer committees were restricted by the DNR in adequately addressing deer issues in their county by not allowing them to separately address areas within the county that have very high deer numbers & very low deer numbers. One size does not fit all to increase or decrease deer in a county with huge & low deer densities within that county 	
	ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	7:30 PM Motion by Larrie Hazen, second by Roger Sabota passed
SUBMITTED BY	Tony Janecek
DATE	12/12/2014